

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A steel composition, characterized in that it comprises the following components in % by weight:

C: 0.12-0.45  
Si: 0.10-1.00  
Mn: 0.50-1.95  
S: 0.005-0.060  
Al: 0.004-0.050  
Ti: 0.004-0.050  
Cr: 0-0.60  
Ni: 0-0.60  
Co: 0-0.60  
W: 0-0.60  
B: 0-0.01  
Mo: 0-0.60  
Cu: 0-0.60  
Nb: 0-0.050  
V: 0.10-0.40  
N: 0.015-0.040

Remainder: Fe and unavoidable impurities with the proviso that:

- 1)  $\text{wt\% V} \times \text{wt\% N} = 0.0021 \text{ to } 0.0120$
- 2)  $1.6x \text{ wt\% S} + 1.5x \text{ wt\% Al} + 2.4x \text{ wt\% Nb} + 1.2x \text{ wt\% Ti} = \underline{0.035} \underline{0.040} \text{ to } \underline{0.140} \underline{0.080}$
- 3)  $1.2x \text{ wt\% Mn} + 1.4x \text{ wt\% Cr} + 1.0x \text{ wt\% Ni} + 1.1x \text{ wt\% Cu} + 1.8x \text{ wt\% Mo} = 1.00 \text{ to } 3.50$

2. (Original)            A die-formed part made of steel, characterized in that the steel has a composition according to claim 1.

3. (Withdrawn)        A method of producing a die-formed part according to claim 2, comprising the steps of:

- (a)    heating the ingoing material made of a steel composition according to claim 1 to a temperature of 1,000 to 1,300° C;
- (b)    forming the ingoing material of step (a) by forging;
- (c)    cooling the die-formed part obtained in step (b) to room temperature, wherein the cooling rate in the temperature range to 580° C. is at least 0.2° C/s.

4. (Withdrawn)        A method according to claim 3, characterized in that the cooling in step (c) occurs at a cooling rate of 0.2° C/s to 0.6° C/s until a temperature of 580° C.

5. (Withdrawn)        A method according to claim 3, characterized in that the cooling in step (c) occurs at a cooling rate of 0.7° C/s to 6° C/s until a temperature of 580° C.

6. (Withdrawn)        The use of the die-formed part obtainable by the method according to one of claims 3 to 5 as a chassis part for commercial vehicles.

7. (Withdrawn)        The use of the die-formed part obtainable by the method according to claim 5 as a chassis part for passenger cars.

8. (New)                A steel forging having the composition of claim 1.